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## News briefs

### No paper May 25

Because of a German holiday Thursday, the Eifel Times will not be published May 25.

### Memorial Day ceremony

Spangdahlem Air Base holds a Memorial Day ceremony Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the Airman's Memorial near the front gate.

### German legal assistance

No German legal assistance will be available through the base legal office Monday through May 25 because of an international law conference. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Sabina Medina-Floyd at 452-6796.

### Dormitory managers

The civil engineer squadron housing flight accepts applications through Monday for dormitory managers. The special-duty assignment tour length is a minimum of two years, with the option of extending for a third. The start date is June 1.

Staff sergeants and above are eligible to apply; however, squadrons must agree to release people for the position. For more information, call Master Sgt. Donnie Henderson at 452-5556.

### ALS open house

Pitsenbarger Airman Leadership School holds an open house at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday. Retired Lt. Col. Henry O'Berine is the guest speaker. O'Berine is the officer who pulled Medal of Honor recipient Airman 1st Class William Pitsenbarger out of the jungle the day after the actions that earned him the medal. For more information, call the school at 452-9016.

### Mail hold

Postal regulations require parcels not claimed within 15 days to be returned to the sender. To prevent this from happening while on leave or TDY, postal customers should complete a PS Form 2258, "Temporary Mail

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# Eifel Times

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Senior Airman Esperanza Berrios

Maj. Gen. Kenneth Hess, 3rd Air Force commander, hands the reigns of the 52nd Fighter Wing to Col. Greg Ihde at the wing change of command ceremony Wednesday. Ihde comes to Spangdahlem Air Base from Ramstein AB where he was the senior U.S. representative and director of staff of AIRNORTH.

## Hail, farewell highlight week as wing changes commander

By Capt. Glen Roberts  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

People and mission were the themes of the day as wing members bid a hail and a farewell during a time-honored change of command ceremony this week.

More than 700 people were in attendance at Hangar One Wednesday to watch Brig. Gen. Donald J. Hoffman relinquish command of the 52nd Fighter Wing to Col. Gregory J. Ihde.

Ihde, arriving from his post as senior U.S. representative and director of staff for AIRNORTH, Ramstein Air Base, Germany, told the audience that there were two topics he wanted to emphasize most - people and mission.

"Most, if not all of you, have been involved in team activities ... whether in sports, music, acting, or a host of other activities," he said. "You know that in each event, both people and mission were the most important ingredients to building a successful team.

"America loves winners. It's easy to remember our gold medal superstars," he said. "Each of these teams knew precisely what their task was, and were willing to work hard to become the experts. They practiced until they became, and acted, as one. We have that same great opportunity right here."

Moments earlier, 3rd Air Force Commander Maj. Gen. Kenneth Hess, who presided over the ceremony, presented the Legion of Merit Medal to Hoffman, and paid tribute to him and his many successes as wing commander.

"Over these last 14 months, General Hoffman has challenged you all with a clear vision of excellence, and inspired goals of perfection," Hess said. "Team Eifel, your successes over these past 14 months speak for themselves, but they also speak of the leadership of your commander."

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## USAFE's 3rd Air Force celebrates 50 years of service

By Matt Tulis  
100th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs Office

**RAF MILDENHALL, England** — From South Ruislip to South Africa, 3rd Air Force has spent the last half century working in concert with its neighbors in the United Kingdom and throughout its area of operations.

"I think we should never forget sometimes a mysterious confluence of events will create a rare and treasured relationship," said Gen. Gregory Martin, U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander at a dinner celebrating the 50th anniversary of 3rd AF in England May 1. "The United

Kingdom and the United States enjoy such a relationship."

Third AF owes its presence in the England to one of the first major operations in post-war Europe.

"As it became apparent we were going to stay here longer than the Berlin Airlift, they wanted a more permanent organization," said Robert Sligh, 3rd AF historian.

The initial stand up ceremony in South Ruislip, on the west side of London, took place May 1, 1951, under the leadership of then Maj. Gen. Leon Johnson, a World War II Medal of Honor recipient.

As part of USAFE, 3rd AF was originally tasked to provide logistics support to 7th Air Division and was in charge of tactical air operations from England.

The organization grew in size during the post-war years until 1972, when 3rd AF headquarters was reorganized, reduced in member strength and moved to its present location at RAF Mildenhall.

"USAFE was going through a reorganization, as we

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## Accidents

By Master Sgt. Franklin McElhaney  
52nd Security Forces Squadron Reports and Analysis

Accident rates continue to soar. Last week there were 23 minor accidents and one major accident in the Eifel.

The only major accident of the week occurred at the intersection of L-46 and K-34, near Zemmer. An American ran off the road on the way to Trier. No other information is available due to the ongoing investigation.

Eight of the 23 minor accidents occurred while drivers were backing their vehicles. This brings the total for the year to 310 minor accidents, 112 of which happened while someone was backing up.

Speed too fast for conditions was the second highest cause at 54. Sunny skies and dry roads are no excuse for speeding. Accidents involving animals on the roadway was the third highest cause at 15.

There were a total of 79 citations issued last week, 10 of which were for speeding on B-50. If a driver accumulates 12 points in 12 months, they will have their driving privileges suspended for 180 days. The minimum deduction for speeding on the B-50 is six points.

Another tip, American motorists need to remember German law levies a stiff fine (up to 3,000 DM) if a driver is involved in an accident and found with a blood alcohol content of 0.030-0.049.



Airman 1st Class Michelle Roquid

### Finis flight

Brig. Gen. Don Hoffman, outgoing 52nd Fighter Wing commander, is spared no mercy after his final flight Tuesday. Hoffman left Spangdahlem AB to take command of the 31st Fighter Wing at Aviano Air Base, Italy.

## 3rd AF

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normally do after each war, and Vietnam was winding down," said Sligh, adding the move made economic sense as well, since this area had more support services than were available in London.

Today, 3rd AF (of which Spangdahlem Air Base is a subordinate unit) is one of only two numbered air forces in USAFE. Its area of responsibility has continued to expand and now includes all of Europe north of the Alps, as well as all U.S. Air Force operations and support activities in Africa south of the Sahara.

The main thrust of its wide-ranging mission is to organize, train and equip the men and women assigned to its four main bases and more than 100 geographically-separated units spread across Europe.

A second element of 3rd AF's mission is to represent U.S. forces in negotiations with the British government and oversee host nation support agreements for all American military forces based in England.

"(Maj.) Gen. (Kenneth) Hess (3rd AF commander) is the single point of contact with Her Majesty's Government for military issues on basing and things like that in the U.K.," said Sligh. "I can't think of any organization in this headquarters that doesn't have some contact with the British government."

Finally, as a war fighting numbered air force, 3rd AF stands ready to lead or support any contingency operation within the European Command theater.

Nearly every person assigned to the headquarters is on mobility status, and they regularly train to hone their skills at leading a joint task force or a joint forces air component, or supporting U.S. Air

Force operations anywhere in the 13 million square miles of the EUCOM theater of operations.

"That's everything from presidential support to NEOs (noncombatant evacuation operations)," said Sligh. "We've done humanitarian operations in Europe and ... in Africa."

Last year, the command led Joint Task Force ATLAS RESPONSE, the U.S. military contribution to the multinational flood relief effort in Mozambique.

Successful international relief operations in Mozambique served as the template for U.S. military participation in future relief contingencies and emphasized the importance of close cooperation between participating military forces and international relief organizations.

"That operation changed the tone for what we do," said Sligh. "We've had much more contact with international organizations. Close coordination of resources and effort makes for a much more efficient international relief operation."

Hess recently returned from a two-week trip through southern Africa. During the visit, he met with government and military leaders in six nations, establishing new contacts and cultivating old friendships to ensure close cooperation during 3rd AF's future operations in that part of Africa.

"While the mission of 3rd AF has undergone significant changes during the past 50 years," said Hess, "the people assigned to this command, both at the headquarters and at its bases across Europe, continue to display the same skill, dedication and professionalism that have been the trademark of 3rd AF for half a century." (U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service)

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Disposition Instruction," before departing.

By using the form, customers may elect to have their mail held or forwarded. Also, filling out a PS Form 3801, "Standing Delivery Order," allows a friend temporary authorization to pick up mail.

### Club cards

Members deployed more than 30 days to a base without a club, such as some bases in Southwest Asia, can take a copy of their orders to their assigned base club and have their dues suspended until they return. Call Lynda Bidderman at 452-6992 for details.

### Instructors wanted

The 52nd Communications Squadron seeks people with knowledge in Microsoft Office applications to instruct software training programs. Classes include software installation and configuration; beginner and intermediate Word, PowerPoint and Excel; beginner, intermediate and advanced Access; Hyper Text Markup Language; WEB development; and FrontPage.

Classes take place during regular duty hours. For more information, call the 52nd Fighter Wing Software Training Office at 452-5384.

### Pet registration

Dog, cat and ferret owners assigned to a base in the Eifel region must register their pets with the Spangdahlem Air Base Veterinary Treatment Facility and provide current rabies vaccination proof within 21 days upon arrival. Members owning another type of pet and provide child-care services must register those pets as well.

The registration must be updated annually by providing proof of vaccination to the VTF of Oberweis Annex. Send forms to the VTF via e-mail to [spencer.robb@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:spencer.robb@spangdahlem.af.mil) or by fax at DSN 452-7360.

Members whose pets have had a rabies vaccination done by the VTF within the past 12 months don't need to complete the form unless their information has changed.





Photos by Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey

A 100th Air Refueling Wing KC-135 refueler out of Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, passes by 23rd Fighter Squadron F-16CJs and a French Mirage fighter jet as it taxis toward the runway at Zaragoza Air Base, Spain. The aircraft recently deployed to northwest Spain in support of the week-long exercise SIRIO-01, which wrapped-up May 10.

## Spang fighters put punch in multinational exercise

By Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

**Zaragoza, Spain** — Five F-16CJs from Spangdahlem Air Base, two KC-135 refueling aircraft from Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England and more than 160 people from both bases returned home May 10 as SIRIO-01 ended.

The week-long combined exercise offered U.S., Spanish, French and Portuguese air forces the opportunity to practice combined aerial offensive and defensive skills and aerial refueling.

Pilots from the 23rd Fighter Squadron joined forces with Spanish and French fighters as allies in aerial dogfights against Portuguese fighters who played the invader of a fictional Spanish territory. The 23rd FS scored a 95 percent enemy jet kill rate, according to Maj. Jim "Dibbs" Dibble, 23rd FS deployed detachment commander.

"It's been a good deployment," Dibble said. "We worked hard — a Spanish F-18 pilot even came to me and said 'You're leaving us nothing to do — your pilots kill everything!' I'm proud of the work we've done and the impression we've left here."

Tankers from RAF Mildenhall logged more than 55 hours during the five days and off-loaded more than 343,000 pounds of fuel, providing aerial refueling training for all the pilots. Refueling foreign allied aircraft isn't new to the 100th ARW; however, as the wing provides aerial refueling for NATO nations who don't have refueling fleets of their own, such as Portugal.

"The guys did a superb job and represented the U.S. well," said Lt. Col. Max Rothman, 100th Air Refueling Wing deployed detachment commander. "All but one sortie took off on time and all air refuelings were successful. The training was tremendous in that it offered crews a wartime pace in a controlled exercise environment."

Although throughout the exercise much of the planning and support was worked separately, some jobs and equipment were shared, such as the Spanish forces and



A 23rd Fighter Squadron F-16CJ breaks away after refueling over southern Spain during exercise SIRIO-01.

Spangdahlem AB members providing flightline security and fire protection.

"Often, the equipment is different and there can be a slight language barrier, but after working together you begin to understand you have the same standards, just different methods," said Master Sgt. Arnold Mainit, 100th ARW aircraft maintenance.

In other areas, such as communications, members from Spangdahlem AB and RAF Mildenhall worked together in providing classified and unclassified phone, computer and radio communications.

"Fortunately, the base has an extensive infrastructure and we've had positive interactions with the local community," said Tech. Sgt. Frank Snow, 52nd Communications Squadron. "We did a lot of prep work — programming phones before arriving here and site surveys — so set up would work smoothly. Deploying members also submitted their communications requirements in advance, which helps us provide our customers with what they'd need to do the mission."

Overall, the exercise proved to be good training experience, according to exercise officials.

"The Spanish were wonderful hosts in making it come together," Rothman said.



Senior Airman Howard Wallace (left) and Master Sgt. Jeffrey Klemm, 23rd Fighter Squadron, wrap hydraulic lines for shipment after the final F-16 flight.



Senior Airman Christopher Partney, 23rd Fighter Squadron crew chief, documents an oil analysis after the first F-16CJ take-off of exercise SIRIO-01.

# Airman buys drugs, eight months confinement

By Karen Fleming-Michael  
Air University Public Affairs Office

**MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala.** — A pregnant airman's foray into drugs and the local club scene earned her eight months of confinement time at a military detention facility in California, a bad conduct discharge, reduction to airman basic and total forfeitures of pay and allowances.

The 20-year-old airman, who agreed to be interviewed on condition of anonymity, shared her story so others can learn from her mistakes.

Because she thought the drugs would be out of her system in three days, and because it was a weekend, she believed there was only a slim chance of having a drug test on Monday. So she said she took cocaine, methamphetamine and Ecstasy.

"I knew it was illegal, but I was curious. I had heard how meth makes you feel good, so I was like 'Wow, I want to try it.' It was just a party thing," she said. "I figured, 'Hey, I'm off base, at a club. I don't see any military people here. I'm not going to get caught.'"

What the airman did not know was while she was club hopping, getting high and helping her friends get Ecstasy pills during a "girls' night out," she was also observed distributing the drug.

After purchasing Ecstasy for two friends, she never stopped to think, "I'm distributing Ecstasy." Two days later, the pills she purchased ended up in an evidence box at the Office of Special Investigations.

Her commander read her the charges March 15, one count each for use of cocaine, methamphetamine and Ecstasy, and two counts of distribution of Ecstasy.

**“Even after I was read my rights, I didn't realize how much trouble I was in ... I knew I was going to go to confinement, but somewhere in my mind I thought, 'Maybe it just won't happen.'”**

## Convicted airman

"The crimes were severe because there were three hard drugs used and the crimes made worse by the distribution. She didn't just use it herself, she connected drugs with people," said Capt. Stephen See, trial counsel for the 42nd Air Base Wing legal office.

She was unaware she was suspected of using drugs because someone else under investigation by OSI listed the airman's name as someone who might have, See said. This is a typical scenario when it comes to drug cases.

"You find someone who uses and they dime out a friend," he said. "Even if they don't test and find the drugs in you, if they test someone else, that person usually ends up copping out friends. One way or the other, you're going to get caught. It's just about when and how."

"If we have a witness saying they saw you use, and we can determine the substance

you used was (Ecstasy), we're good to go."

All the prosecutors need to make a case is a witness who can describe what the substance looked like and its effects, what they were told it was and whether a typical price was paid for it.

To help the Eastern Circuit judge understand how serious her crimes were, the prosecution had an expert witness, Capt. Karen Berkeley, a 42nd Medical Group clinical pharmacist, testify at the sentencing hearing.

"Unless you understand what these drugs can do to people, how they can destroy lives, you can't make a good judgment on how it should be punished," See said.

Berkeley addressed the dangers of Ecstasy, methamphetamines and cocaine, including impaired judgment — so users present a risk to themselves and others — and behavior changes, which can make users violent. The drugs can also cause schizophrenia, disorders similar to it or brain damage.

"I knew any drug was not good at all, from marijuana to cocaine to everything," she said. "Now the exact effects of them, I didn't know. I learned a lot in court (listening to the pharmacist's testimony)."

The airman pleaded guilty to the charges. During the sentencing argument, Capt. Tammie McKinney, 42nd ABW legal office co-trial counsel, presented a series of reasons why drug abuse can't be tolerated.

"The case is a tragedy for the Air Force because she was a trusted member, and these are dangerous crimes," McKinney said. "This is not any old job. The accused was charged with protecting this country."

We have to punish these crimes. They cannot be tolerated."

McKinney asked for a 12-month detention to ensure the airman, who is five months pregnant, could not expose her unborn son to drugs. The judge sentenced her to eight months.

"Even after I was read my rights, I didn't realize how much trouble I was in. It didn't hit me until yesterday (at the sentencing hearing)," she said. "I knew I was going to go to confinement, but somewhere in my mind I thought, 'Maybe it just won't happen.'"

Immediately after sentencing, the airman was taken into custody and escorted to the holding facility. Two days later, she was sent to the Naval Consolidated Brig Miramar, a medium security confinement facility in San Diego, Calif.

If she gives birth during confinement, within 24 hours of the delivery her mother, who is in Indiana, will have to pick up the newborn or the baby will enter California's foster care system.

Uncertain about her future after confinement, she knows it will be hard to find the job she will need to provide for her son.

One thing she is certain of is she does not want anyone else to make the same mistake she did.

"Don't do it," she said. "Drugs may make you feel great for a while, but it's not worth it. If you get caught, you suffer the consequences." (Air Force Print News)

## Temporary workers keep preference eligibility with new military spouse employment program

By Carolyn Jackson  
U.S. Army, Europe, Public Affairs

**STUTTGART, Germany** — The Military Spouse Preference program undergoes a change June 1, removing some restrictions and providing greater flexibility in Department of Defense employment options.

A new trial program, dubbed MSP CHOICE, allows military spouses within the European theater to accept more positions without loss of their military spouse preference.

The change means local-area employees who accept temporary, term or permanent intermittent positions will still be able to use their MSP to apply for permanent full- or part-time positions, according to Collette McCulley, 52nd Mission Support Squadron human resource specialist.

"However, the change won't have a major impact on the U.S. civil service program," McCulley said, "since most of these employees are currently applying for permanent positions as military family members."

Under the current program, spouses lose their eligibility whenever they accept any permanent position, regardless of work schedule or whenever they accept a time-limited position lasting one year or longer.

"As a result, many family members are reluctant to accept temporary or permanent intermittent jobs," said Vicki Sensiba, EUCom Civilian Personnel Adviser's office, "because they would lose their eligibility if a permanent position became available."

MSP CHOICE removes this constraint and is the first

significant change in Department of Defense policy on military spouse preference since 1989. Under the new provisions, military spouses retain their MSP unless they accept (or reject the offer of) a continuing position. A continuing position is now defined as a permanent full- or part-time position.

Military spouses may, therefore, accept an unlimited number of temporary positions, term positions, intermittent positions or non-appropriated fund flexible category positions without loss of the MSP. All European theater appropriated fund and NAF positions within DOD are covered by this guidance.

Program guidelines will also make it possible for spouses who lost preference by accepting a time-limited, flexible or intermittent position to have their MSP reinstated.

Designed to make it possible for military spouses to find employment as soon as they're ready to work, the program allows them to keep their MSP as a way to obtain a more career-enhancing position.

"In sum, the new program recognizes the need for military families to have dual incomes and the desire of military spouses to maximize their career enhancement opportunities," said Sensiba.

For more information on MSP CHOICE, call the base human resources office at 452-6080 or visit the EUCom Family Member Employment Web site at [www.eucom.mil/programs/awards/civilian/fme/\\_index.htm](http://www.eucom.mil/programs/awards/civilian/fme/_index.htm). (U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service)

## Command

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Hess then recalled many of the wing's accomplishments under Hoffman's command, including Air Expeditionary Force deployments, 14 separate military and NATO exercises in eight countries, Red Flag, Green Flag, and Air Warrior deployments, and even an appearance at a South African airshow. He also remarked on the litany of awards the wing received, culminating in United States Air Forces in Europe's Installation Excellence Award.

"One very important point to make here is that, while you were out doing all these great things...you were the only wing in USAFE to successfully accomplish your flying hour goals," Hess said.

Idhe, a 25-year Air Force veteran, became the 21st commander of the wing since 1972, when it was designated the 52nd Tactical Fighter Wing, later becoming the 52nd Fighter Wing.

Hoffman, who leaves to become the 31st Fighter Wing commander at Aviano Air Base, Italy, had three thank you's in his brief remarks - he thanked his family, the wing's German neighbors and hosts, and the men and women of Team Eifel.

"General Hess listed many of the accomplishments that happened in the past year. I claim no credit for any of those," Hoffman said. "You get the credit. It's been a fantastic opportunity to lead you, and I wish you all the best of luck as you endure your challenges in the future."





## Community Mailbox

### Married for Life dinner

The Eifel Christian Community Association sponsors a Married for Life fellowship dinner at 6:30 tonight in the Albachmuhle Hotel, located off B-50. For more information, call Bob Lesane at 452-6331.

### Spring carnival

The Bitburg Elementary School Parent and Teacher Association seeks volunteers to help with a spring carnival taking place 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Call Pamela Troester at 06561-604759 or e-mail [pamela.troester@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:pamela.troester@spangdahlem.af.mil) to register.

### Volunteer readers

Bitburg Middle School needs volunteers to read during four morning sessions Monday. The intent is to help foster a love of reading among middle school students.

Sessions run 8:20-8:50, 8:55-9:20, 9:25-9:50 and 9:55-11:20 a.m. Each session requires 23 volunteers.

For more information or to volunteer, call Jesus Posadas at 452-9110.

### Family support center news

The following classes take place in building 2001 on the Bitburg Annex. Call 452-9491 for details or to register.

- Creative critters 10-11 a.m. Monday.
- Resume basics 8-11 a.m. Tuesday.
- Non-verbal communications seminar 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday.
- Deployment briefings 8-9 a.m. Wednesday and May 30.

■ Singles trip to Amsterdam and Zaanse Schans Saturday. Call Information, Tickets and Tours at 452-6567 for details.



Senior Airman Kimberlie Drows

### Junior shopper

**Allen Nelson, age 4, son of Staff Sgt. Preston Nelson of the 606th Air Control Squadron, unloads his basket after a shopping spree in late April. Nelson was one of seven children selected by raffle to win the Spangdahlem Air Base commissary contest, celebrating the Month of the Military Child. His favorite selection was Circus Peanuts candy.**

The following classes take place in building 307 on Spangdahlem AB. Call 452-6422 to register or for more information.

- Deployment briefings 8-9 a.m. Tuesday and May 29.
- Key spouses meet noon to 1:30 p.m. May 25.

### University closes

Embry-Riddle University closes Tuesday because of registration at NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, Germany. For more information, call 452-7553.

### CDC closes

The Bitburg Annex Child Development Center closes May 25 because the halls and lobby areas will be carpeted. The facility

will pro-rate the fees for the week. Parents who need child care may use the Spangdahlem AB facility.

### Free mouth guards

Appointments are now available in the Spangdahlem AB Dental Clinic to be fitted for free mouth guards for sporting activities. To schedule an appointment, call 452-8193.

### Memorial Day hours

Both the Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex commissaries close May 28-29 for Memorial Day. For more information, call Mary Jensen at 452-9135.

### Yard of the month

Competition for yard and balcony of the month begins in June and continues through

September. Balconies are selected from Bitburg Annex and Spangdahlem Air Base housing areas. Government-leased housing areas compete for yard of the month.

Winners receive plaques, certificates and other prizes donated by base organizations. Judging takes place toward the end of the month with the first set of winners announced in late June or early July. For more information, call the housing office at 452-6560.

### Summer day camp

The Cub Scouts local chapter seeks volunteers to help with summer day camp July 9-14. Specifically, the Scouts need nature, sports and outdoor directors, and den leaders. The camp is designed to encourage and teach boys to use leadership skills. Call Gary Hackl at 06553-1745 or John Kennedy at 06561-948843 for details or to sign up.

The Age of the Dinosaur Day Camp costs \$45 per Scout or \$52 for new Scouts. The week includes crafts, marksmanship, digging for dinosaur bones and eggs, sports and games. Daily bus transportation is provided to and from the camp from Spangdahlem AB and the Bitburg Annex.

### Learning new skills

The 52nd Services Squadron skills development center offers the following classes in May in Bitburg Annex building 2002. Call 452-9316 for details or to register.

- Tole painting, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday. Cost is \$12.
- Quilting, five-week class beginning at 6 p.m. Monday. Cost is \$30.

### Bitburg Middle School

School closes at 11 a.m. May 25 for faculty training. Bus transportation will be provided for regular riders. Call the school office at 452-7255 for more information.

## Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

### Bitburg Castle

Tonight

#### Somebody Like You (PG-13)

Jane has everything going for her with her daytime talk show and a hot romance. She begins an extensive study of male behavior to try to find out what makes men tick. Her research leads her to become an overnight guru for single women everywhere.

Saturday

#### Somebody Like You

Sunday

#### Finding Forrester (PG-13)

Known as the neighborhood recluse, silver-haired Forrester is a man whose mystery and eccentricity border on the mythical. When Jamal leaves behind his backpack full of writings, together they learn family isn't always what you're born with — sometimes it's the people you find, sometimes it's the people who find you.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

#### Monkeybone (PG-13)

Life couldn't be better for Stu. He's happy, in love and on the verge of success as his comic strip is about to become a national television show. But on the night Stu is to propose, he's struck down in a freak accident and he must outwit death.

Thursday

#### Saving Silverman (PG-13)

Four guys have been best friends since the fifth grade, when they swore nothing could break them up, but a great-looking, manipulative psychiatrist tries to break up their friendship.

### Spangdahlem Skyline

Tonight

#### Down to Earth (PG-13)

When Lance finds himself at Heaven's door, he is convinced there has been a mistake. Miraculously he is right, so a heavenly agent places him into the corpse of a rich Manhattan mogul who has just been bumped off by his wife.

Saturday

#### Pokemon III (G) 4 p.m.

The strange Pokemon Annon comes to a girl named Mi because of a strange card left by her father. With the help of Annon, a crystal begins to envelop a tower. Mi's solitude and loneliness makes the entire tower a crystal. Ash's mom is taken to the crystal tower by Entei. So Ash must somehow rescue his mother and Mi.

Down to Earth

Sunday

#### Pokemon III

Monday

#### Finding Forrester

Tuesday

#### 3,000 Miles to Graceland (R)

A group of ex-cons plan a heist of a Las Vegas casino during an Elvis impersonator convention that will serve as a cover and a distraction.

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.  
For the most current information,  
call 452-9441.

# Speicher offers 2,000 years of pottery

## Museum's Day highlights include demonstrations, food

By Iris Reiff  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

"Building community" is the motto for an exhibition which takes place Sunday in Speicher. Between 1 and 5 p.m., Americans may experience and admire 2,000 years of pottery in the local area at the Speicher Plein-Wagner pottery and stoneware museum.

A number of craftspeople will demonstrate how stoneware was and still is hand-made. The museum event is an opportunity for people to learn more about regional history and how pottery making played a big part in the everyday life of the local populace.

As early as the 2nd century, the Romans produced stoneware in the area between Speicher and Herford. In 1876, Jacob Plein-Wagner discovered the first Roman pottery stoves. With his discovery, Plein-Wagner laid the first milestone to experience Speicher's stoneware industry and the collection of stoneware, which can be seen by visitors today.

The Speicher event is held in conjunction with the International Museum's Day, celebrated Sunday throughout the country.

Collections and art will be presented. The purpose of the International Museum's



Courtesy photos

Above: The Speicher area is known for its blue, salt-glazed stoneware. The Speicher museum will feature more than 2,000 years of pottery Sunday for Museum's Day. At right, a lion in brown stone made by Jacob Plein-Wagner in 1876.

Day is to point out the works and thematic aspects and variety of museums. Some events include entertainment speeches, music, food and beverages.

At the museum, coffee and cake will be available for visitors to purchase. Children will have the opportunity to try the pottery-making craft. Some stoneware will also be available for purchase.



## Out and about



■Join the Eifel Wanderers on a walk through the Black Forest, May 26. After, see the sites of Freiburg. Cost is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children. For details, call Theresa Stevens at 06569-963184.

■Attend the opening ceremony for a modern art exhibition by MARO, a Peru native, tonight at 7:30 at the Bitburg Boda Haus cultural center. The exhibition takes place through June 10 and is open Tuesday through Saturday, 3-6 p.m. and Sunday through Friday, 2-6 p.m. The exhibition is closed Monday.

■Visit a flea market Sunday in the center of Trier-Kenn, located close to the Wal-Mart store on the Autobahn; along the Kinheim Mosel shore; in front of the Konz e-center; inside and outside the Kroev Halle; and inside and outside the Bernkastel-Kues Gueter hall.

■Plan to see the world-famous star tenor singer Jose Carreras in concert June 29 at 9 p.m. at Luxembourg-Kirchberg. This event with the title "Classic Open Air" will attract many visitors from Germany and the Benelux. Tickets can be reserved at 00352-507750 or at fax number 504916.

■Saar-Pedal and Happy Mosel are two bicycling events attracting crowds of people from throughout the Eifel area. Saar Pedal takes place Sunday while Happy Mosel kicks off June 10. Details will be printed in an upcoming issue of the Eifel Times.

■Plan to attend a two-hour volkmarsch May 27 through the Meulendorf forested area, sponsored by the Niersbach volkmarsch club. The

event kicks off at 10 a.m. from the Niersbach Mehrzweck hall. Food and beverages will be offered following the march.

■The civil engineering operations spouses group offers a Polish pottery bus trip June 1-3. The bus departs at 8 p.m. June 1 with a return time of about 1 a.m. June 3. Cost is \$80 per person. Call Anne Watkins at 06563-930528 for details.

■Join the Eifel Wanderers in Malberg for their 31st Annual International Volksmarsch 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday for 5-kilometer (stroller friendly), 10K and 20K trails. For more information, call David Westwood at 06561-18758.

■Make plans to attend the Rheinland-Pfalz Tag 2001 June 15-17 in Landau. It's the biggest folk festival of the state, offering German and American forces static displays, historical information booths, art and culture, a children's festival, open air concerts, a parade through the city and German food. For more information, call 06341-13183 or visit www.Rlp-tag.de.

■Cochem castle recently opened for the 2001 summer season. The castle, located within 15 minutes walking distance of the town of Cochem, is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Entry is 7 DM for adults and 6 DM for children. Groups of 12 and more people pay 6 DM each.

■Purchase tickets now for Trier's historical open-air plays of the city's annual Antiquity Festival June 27

through July 22.

■Explore Verdun, France, with members of the German-American Friendship Club Saturday. Call Gisela Traut at 452-6172 or Marlies Wallen at 452-6063 for details or to register.

■Gondorf Eifel Park recently opened for the 2001 season. Park information will be featured in an upcoming issue of the Eifel Times.

■Art enthusiasts can see paintings by numerous German artists in the Trier Simeonstift city museum, located near the Porta Nigra. The show is open daily 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Subjects relate to the 1930s. Visit the museum's Web site at www.museum-trier.de for details.

■Guns n' Roses, Limp Bizkit, Radiohead, Tool, Papa Roach, A-Ha, Him, Echt, Reamonn, Samy Deluxe, 3 Doors Down, K'S Choice, Thumb and other bands perform at the 2001 Rock at the Ring open air festival June 1-3. Tickets are available at the Spangdahlem ITT office at 452-6567 or 452-7770.

■A limited number of tickets are available for the Glenn Miller Orchestra playing at 9 p.m. June 3 in the Luxembourg Wiltz Open-Air Theater. Musical highlights include song titles, "In the Mood," "Moonlight Serenade," "Rhapsody in Blue" and more. Call 0651-41253 or 0651-9941188 for tickets.

■Pick up a volkmarsch schedule at the fitness center or visit the Eifel Wanderers Web site at www.welcome.to/eifelwanderers for more information.

Information, Tickets and Tours offers the following tours in May. Call the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center at 452-6567 or the Bitburg Annex community center at 452-9120 for details.

■Cochem medieval dinner Saturday. Cost is \$65 per person.

■Paris express Saturday. Cost is \$89 for adults, \$75 for ages 3-17.

■Belgian grottoes and safari park Saturday. Cost is \$45 for adults, \$25 for ages 3-12.

■Koln zoo and aquarium Sunday. Cost is \$30 for adults, \$25 for 4-17.

■Spain for three nights Thursday through May 28. Early booking cost is \$198 for adults.

■Poland deluxe tour for two nights May 25-28. Early booking cost is \$289 for adults.

■Disneyland Paris May 26. Cost is \$85 for adults, \$75 for ages 3-11.

■Oberhausen Mall May 28. Cost is \$25 for adults, \$20 for ages 3-12.

The outdoor recreation program sponsors the following trips in May. Call 452-7176 for details.

■Two-day horseback trail riding Saturday and Sunday. Cost is \$170.

■Whitewater rafting and canyoning trip May 25-28. Cost ranges from \$225-\$290, depending upon accommodations.

■Bicycle maintenance clinic May 30. Cost is \$10.



## Extreme Summer 2001-X2K1 begins June 1

Program registration open now through May 31 for chances to win bonus prizes

**SEMBACH AIR BASE, Germany** — Teenagers 13-18 years old are getting ready for another "Extreme Summer" as U.S. Air Forces in Europe Services kicks off Extreme Summer 2001-X2K1.

Teens can register now in preparation for the official start of the program June 1. Teens who enroll by May 31 will be automatically registered for a chance to win one of three Early Registration Bonus Prize \$500 AAFES shopping spree.

"Registration is easy and it's free," said Debbie Karnes, USAFE Services marketing chief. "Teens, 13-18, can expect to receive an 'X2K Extreme Summer Magazine' in their mailboxes mid-May. Everything they need to know about the program can be found in the magazine."

Registering by May 31 automatically gives the teens their first 50 points free. Teens can use the mail-in registration card found in the magazine or they can go on the web site, [www.extremesummer.com](http://www.extremesummer.com), and register instantly, Karnes said.

Last year, nine teens and their families won trips stateside to see Christina Aguilera in concert and met her backstage.

"Every year we try to make the contest bigger and better," Karnes said. "The concerts were so popular with the teens we're staying with the music theme again this year, but broadening the appeal with three different musical acts."

Teens will have an opportunity to win a trip to see music-pop superstars "NSYNC," the popular R&B group "Destiny's Child" and country crossover star "LeAnn Rimes."

The winners of the June prize will be special guests of "NSYNC" backstage and attend an exclusive "sound check party" before the show.

The winners of the July prize, the LeAnn Rimes concert trip, and the August prize, the Destiny's Child concert trip, will get to join the stars in a pre-show buffet.

"This certainly makes the concert experience a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Karnes said. The concert trips include round-trip airfare on US Airways, plus hotel

accommodations and rental cars for a family of four.

Teens who play all summer and earn the most points at the end of the contest will win the grand prize — a trip to Discovery Cove, SeaWorld Orlando and Busch Gardens Tampa Bay in Florida.

Three winning USAFE teens, one from each region, will realize a dream and become a trainer-for-a day at SeaWorld, get up close with dolphins and visit Shamu.

The trip includes admission for four to the theme parks, round-trip airfare on US Airways, six night's hotel accommodations, one week car rental, lunch at each park, a gift merchandise package from each park, personally guided tours and a photographer to capture the adventure on film.

"Along with the trips, hundreds of prizes will be awarded including laptop computers, portable DVD players and more," Karnes said. "Teens need to register soon and start playing on June 1. The more points they earn, the better the prize they can expect to win." (U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service)

## Extremely different 'Buffy', '7th Heaven' stars kick off summer program, visit base Sunday

**SEMBACH AIR BASE, Germany** — The combination of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and "7th Heaven" couldn't be more extreme as two stars from these popular TV shows have teamed up to kick off this year's Extreme Summer in U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

Nicholas Brendon, Xander Harris in "Buffy," and Beverley Mitchell, Lucy Camden in "7th Heaven," tour USAFE bases May 14-25 in support of Extreme Summer - X2K1, the USAFE teen initiative that runs through the summer.

"Although we try to cater extreme entertainment to the teens, it really has become entertainment for the whole base to enjoy," said Debbie Southee, USAFE Entertainment Specialist. "This year we are trying something different by bringing popular TV stars from Hollywood to meet our military families overseas. Both Nicholas Brendon and Beverley Mitchell are very excited about the tour and are looking forward to meeting American teens living in Europe."

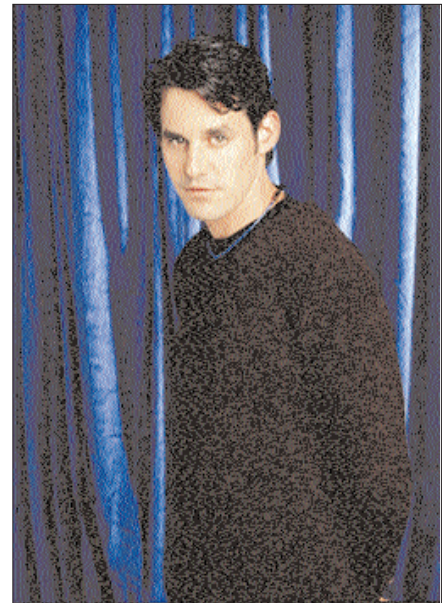
The duo will be making appearances in Department of Defense Dependent Schools and youth program facilities to talk about the Extreme Summer program and how teens from 13-18 years can participate. Brendon and Mitchell tour Spangdahlem AB Sunday.

In June, Rudy Boesch, one of the last three survivors from the original "Survivor" series, will be touring USAFE bases to tell people about the challenges of surviving on an island while 40 million viewers watched each week. Rudy led an extreme life before "Survivor" made him famous. A retired Navy SEAL, he won the Bronze Star Medal for heroism while on active duty, captained a 38-foot powerboat during the "America's Cup 1992" event and is now a Red Cross and Virginia Beach Police volunteer.

"Rudy was my favorite Survivor," said Linda Crom, Ramstein AB Community Center director and Rudy's host at Ramstein AB. "He will get a warm welcome at Ramstein."

Rudy will tour Spangdahlem AB June 28.

Entertainment in August includes Kym Hampton, the WNBA's former starting center for the New York Liberty. Hampton is no stranger to touring Europe. After a celebrated basketball career at Arizona State, in which she ranked ninth in NCAA history in rebounds and earned a degree in theater,



Courtesy photos

**Beverley Mitchell, who plays Lucy Camden on 7th Heaven, and Nicholas Brendon, who plays Xander Harris on Buffy The Vampire Slayer, visit the Eifel community Sunday to kick off Extreme Summer 2001 X2K1. From 1-1:30 p.m., the two will speak and sign autographs at the Spangdahlem Community Center Ballroom. At 2:30 p.m., they arrive at the Bitburg Middle School Gym for another autograph session, and a Luau show. At 4:30 p.m. in the gym, there is a Luau teen dance.**

she began a 13-year stint playing basketball overseas for teams in Spain, Italy and France. A first-round draft pick in the WNBA Elite Draft in 1997, Hampton led the Liberty to the WNBA Championship game the same year.

Now retired from basketball, she is pursuing another dream in the world of entertainment. She has modeled in both Glamour and Essence, appeared in "The Cosby Show" and a spectacular voice that has launched her musical career. Hampton will be appearing at Spangdahlem AB Aug. 8.

USAFE teens should watch their mailboxes in mid-May or look for the "X2K1 Extreme Summer magazine." The magazine is filled with everything teens will need to know to start playing Extreme Summer June 1, as well as more information on extreme entertainment.

For more information, call the base Extreme Summer Headquarters at 452-7381 or check out the new X2K1 website at [www.extremesummer.com](http://www.extremesummer.com). (U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service)